

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

I have voted Republican for the past 44 years but never again. President Bush has been "buying the vote" for the 2004 Presidential race since he took office in 2001. This FCC rape of the consumer is another of his payoffs to big business (just like the Texas PUC) proving that Republicans from the President on down just don't give a damn about us and what we Americans stand for .... DEMOCRACY !!!

For a guy who got to be President with the help of Florida's voting irregularities, a Supreme Court that illegally entered the fray and, most of all, a nation who's popular vote chose somebody else, he sure has gotten heavy-handed and unpopular in a hurry. His buddy, Gen. Powell's son, has gotten the message..... "forget about the people and think only of big business and what they can do for you". More free trips around the world...that's quite a pay-off. The Republicans on the FCC Commission are bought and paid for.

I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you. Sincerely,

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